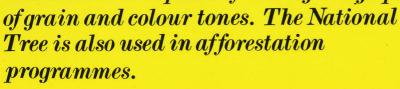
The National Flower and The The Mahoe, (Hisbiscus elatus) is one of National Troo

The Mahoe, (Hisbiscus elatus) is one of Jamaica's secondary economic timbers. Mahoe is popular with small furniture

manufacturers as the attractive blue-green wood with its variegated yellow intrusions is capable of taking a high polish which shows up the variety





Mahoe

means "Wood of Life", a name supposedly adopted

because of the plant's medicinal qualities.

Indigenous to Jamaica, the tree grows best in the dry woodlands along both the North and South coasts of the island. In addition to its attractive blue flowers (the National flower), the plant itself is extremely ornamental and useful, and a few

ships still use Lignum Vitae as a bearing in their stern tubes.

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